

# **APPENDIX C**

**Staff Recommendations for Agricultural Order**

## **TIME SCHEDULE FOR COMPLIANCE**

**CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL  
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## SUMMARY OF TIME SCHEDULE FOR COMPLIANCE

Tables 1 and 2 below summarize key compliance dates for Order No. R3-2011-0006, Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from Irrigated Lands and Monitoring and Reporting Program (Order No. R3-2011-0006-01, Order No. R3-2011-0006-02, Order No. R3-2011-0006-03).

**Table 1. Time Schedule for Key Compliance Dates for Order No. R3-2011-0006 Conditions**

CONDITIONS	COMPLIANCE DATE <sup>1</sup>
<b>ALL DISCHARGERS (TIER 1, TIER 2, AND TIER 3)</b>	
Submit electronic Notice of Intent (NOI) <i>Exception: Dischargers already enrolled in 2004 Agricultural Order and who have submitted an electronic NOI are not required to submit a new NOI.</i>	Within 30 days of adoption of Order or within 30 days acquiring ownership/ control, and prior to any discharge or commencement of activities that may cause discharge.
Submit electronic update to NOI	October 1, 2012, annually thereafter
Submit electronic Notice of Termination (NOT)	Immediately, when applicable
General Conditions and Prohibitions	Immediately / Ongoing
Protect existing aquatic habitat to prevent discharge of waste	Immediately / Ongoing
Develop/update and implement Farm Plan	October 1, 2012
Implement, and update as necessary, management practices to achieve compliance with the Order	Immediately / Ongoing
Install and maintain adequate backflow prevention devices	October 1, 2012
Properly destroy abandoned groundwater wells	October 1, 2015
Conduct monitoring and submit monitoring reports per Monitoring and Reporting Program (MRP)	Per date in MRP
<b>TIER 2 AND TIER 3 DISCHARGERS</b>	
Determine Nitrate Loading Risk per MRP	October 1, 2012
<b>TIER 3 DISCHARGERS</b>	
Effectively control individual waste discharges of pesticides and toxic substances to waters of the State and of the U.S.	October 1, 2013
Effectively control individual waste discharges of sediment and turbidity to surface waters of the State or of the U.S.	October 1, 2014
Effectively control individual waste discharges of nutrients to surface waters of the State or of the U.S.	October 1, 2015
Effectively control individual waste discharges of nitrate to groundwater.	October 1, 2015
<b>Tier 3 Dischargers (Only If Discharge Has High Nitrate Loading Risk)</b>	
Determine crop nitrogen uptake (if discharge has High Nitrate Loading Risk)	October 1, 2013
Develop and initiate implementation of Irrigation and Nutrient Management Plan (INMP) or alternative	October 1, 2013
Achieve Nitrogen Balance Ratio target equal to one (1) for crops in annual rotation (e.g. cool season vegetables) or alternative	October 1, 2014
Achieve Nitrogen Balance Ratio target equal to 1.2 for annual	

crops occupying the ground for the entire year (e.g. strawberries or raspberries) or alternative	
Verify effectiveness of INMP per MRP	October 1, 2015
<b>Tier 3 Dischargers (<i>Only if operation is adjacent to or containing a waterbody impaired for temperature, turbidity, or sediment</i><sup>2</sup>)</b>	
Develop and initiate implementation of Water Quality Buffer Plan or alternative	October 1, 2015

<sup>1</sup>General time schedules for key compliance dates for Order Conditions. Compliance dates are relative to adoption of the Order, unless otherwise specified. <sup>2</sup>Identified in the 2010 Clean Water Act Section 303(d) List of Impaired Waterbodies.

**Table 2. General Time Schedules for Key Compliance Dates for Monitoring and Reporting Program Conditions** (MRP Order No. R3-2011-0006-01, MRP Order No. R3-2011-0006-02, and MRP Order No. R3-2011-0006-03).

CONDITIONS	COMPLIANCE DATE <sup>1</sup>
<b>ALL DISCHARGERS (TIER 1, TIER 2, AND TIER 3)</b>	
Submit Quality Assurance Project Plan and Sampling And Analysis Plan for Surface Receiving Water Quality Monitoring ( <i>individually or through cooperative monitoring program</i> )	Within three months
Initiate surface receiving water quality monitoring ( <i>individually or through cooperative monitoring program</i> )	Within six months
Submit surface receiving water quality monitoring data ( <i>individually or through cooperative monitoring program</i> )	Within nine months, quarterly thereafter (January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1)
Submit surface receiving water quality Annual Monitoring Report ( <i>individually or through cooperative monitoring program</i> )	Within one year, annually thereafter by January 1
Sample groundwater wells	Within one year
Submit groundwater sampling results <sup>3</sup>	October 1, 2013
<b>TIER 2 AND TIER 3 DISCHARGERS</b>	
Submit electronic Annual Compliance Form	October 1, 2012, updated annually thereafter by October 1.
<b>Tier 2 and Tier 3 Dischargers (<i>Only If Discharge Has High Nitrate Loading Risk</i>)</b>	
Submit total nitrogen applied <sup>3</sup>	October 1, 2014, annually thereafter by October 1.
<b>TIER 2 and Tier 3 DISCHARGERS (<i>Only if operation is adjacent to or containing a waterbody impaired for temperature, turbidity, or sediment</i><sup>2</sup>)</b>	
Submit photo documentation of riparian or wetland area habitat <sup>3</sup>	October 1, 2012, and every four years thereafter by October 1.
<b>TIER 3 DISCHARGERS</b>	
Submit Quality Assurance Project Plan and Sampling And Analysis Plan for individual surface water discharge monitoring	Within four months
Initiate individual surface water discharge monitoring	October 1, 2011
Submit individual surface water discharge monitoring data <sup>3</sup>	October 1, 2013, annually thereafter by October 1

<b>Tier 3 Dischargers (<i>Only If Discharge Has High Nitrate Loading Risk</i>)</b>	
Submit INMP elements or alternative <sup>3</sup>	October 1, 2014, annually thereafter by October 1
Submit INMP Effectiveness Report or alternative <sup>3</sup>	October 1, 2015
<b>Tier 3 DISCHARGERS (<i>Only if operation is adjacent to or containing a waterbody impaired for temperature, turbidity, or sediment<sup>2</sup></i>)</b>	
Submit Water Quality Buffer Plan or alternative <sup>3</sup>	October 1, 2015

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<sup>3</sup>Item to be submitted electronically with Annual Compliance Form.